

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO  
WESTERN DIVISION

United States of America,

Case No.3:16CR316

Plaintiff(s)

-v-

ORDER

Eric Q. Stephens,

Defendant(s)

This is a criminal case which was referred to United States Magistrate Judge James R. Knepp II for the taking, on consent of the parties, of a plea of guilty. The Magistrate Judge has filed his Report & Recommendation; no objection has been filed.

I have read the transcript and reviewed the Magistrate Judge's Report & Recommendation, and find that in his careful and thorough proceeding, the Magistrate Judge satisfied all requirements of Fed. R. Crim. P. 11 and the United States Constitution: he correctly found the defendant to be competent, aware of the charge and consequences of conviction and his rights and the waiver thereof. He also correctly found that the defendant had consented to proceed before the Magistrate Judge and tendered his plea of guilty knowingly, intelligently, and voluntarily. Finally, the Magistrate Judge also correctly found that there was an adequate factual basis for the plea.

On de novo review of the record and Report & Recommendation, I accept and adopt the Magistrate Judge's findings, and conclude that the defendant's plea of guilty conforms to all applicable provisions of Rule 11 and the Constitution.

In light of those findings and that conclusion, it is hereby  
ORDERED THAT the defendant's plea of guilty is accepted and a finding of guilty shall be entered.

So ordered.

s/ James G. Carr  
Sr. United States District Judge